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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Allen W. Dulles Article on Bay of Pigs

1. This memorandum presents a point in paragraph 4 for your consideration.

2. In the summer of 1965 Mr. Dulles started negotiations with Harper's Magazine, Inc. for an article on the Bay of Pigs. He wrote a number of drafts, with a final rewrite by the Harper editors in the fall of 1965. Then in October Mr. Dulles wrote the editors to say that after further consideration and "some consultation" he decided not to go ahead with the article for reasons he would explain to them when he saw them. However, he said if he ever did decide to go ahead he would consult with them before publishing.

3. The article, according to Mr. Dulles' own statement, contains no classified material. [redacted] and I have read it carefully and agree. It is primarily an effort to set the record straight after the distortions that had appeared in the press and other publications as a result of stories and articles by Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Schlesinger.

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4. [redacted] and I agree that this file belongs in the Dulles personal papers which would go to the estate and presumably eventually to Princeton, but I am sure Mrs. Dulles and the lawyers would take whatever policy guidance in regard to publication that

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25X1 we might give them. Also, [redacted] and I feel they should be free to publish unless there are some overriding policy or political aspects of which we are unaware. If there are any such 25X1
limitations, I will undertake to pass them on to Mrs. Dulles and the trustees of the estate.

[redacted]

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

cc: DD/Security
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